Mr. V. T. Arasu:—" From whom were representations for the introduction of tolls received? Were they from the municipalities or from the public at large? "

The hon. the Raja of Bobbili:—" Representations were received from municipalities as well as from persons interested in the better upkeep of the roads."

Mr. V. T. Arasu:—" May I know the names of such persons, Sir? "

The hon. the Raja of Bobbili:—" I cannot give the names off-hand."

Unauthorized improvements to the water works at Trichinopoly.

* 471 *Q.*—Mr. K. Singam Ayyangar: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government are aware if the Chairman, Municipal Council, Trichinopoly, has started the work of the improvements to the Water Works, Trichinopoly, and incurred expenditure to a large extent without the sanction of the Sanitary Engineer and the Government; and

(*b*) if so, what action the Government propose to take in the matter?

A.—(*a*) It has recently been brought to the notice of the Government that there is a scheme of improvements to the Water Works, Trichinopoly, under execution without technical sanction for the same having been accorded by the Sanitary Engineering Department.

(*b*) The matter is under the consideration of the Government.

Mr. K. Singam Ayyangar:—" May I ask the hon. Minister whether he will be pleased to instruct the Inspector of Municipal Councils not to make expenditure until the sanction of the Sanitary Engineer to Government is obtained? "

The hon. the Raja of Bobbili:—" Government recently got official information that some works have been undertaken and they called for report. As this report is not yet in their hands, it is difficult for them to say what their attitude would be."

Mr. K. Singam Ayyangar:—" I may assure the Government that expenditure is being incurred. When that is the case, may I ask whether the Government will not be pleased to ask their Inspector of Municipal Councils to stop the works at this stage at least? "

The hon. the Raja of Bobbili:—" We have called for information. The Government must first of all satisfy themselves that such unauthorized expenditure is being incurred."

Mr. K. Singam Ayyangar:—" May I know when the information will be placed before the Council? "

The hon. the Raja of Bobbili:—" It has been called for. It has not been received."